

Sales Taxes Reflect Population Growth

Local Taxes Finance Recreation and Protection Services

A small news story that appeared recently in the Torrance Press indicated that the coffers of the city of Torrance had been bolstered with the quarterly allocations of sales and use tax money from the State Board of Equalization.

Specifically, the amount received was \$352,723, which reflected a 3.1 percent hike over the same quarter of the preceding year.

This allocation represents the city's share of the sales tax money that each of us pays when we make a purchase.

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS

The money is used to acquire land for parks and playgrounds, to staff them with trained help, to maintain them as a safe and pleasant place to play and relax.

It pays a large proportion of the costs of city government, salaries of city employees, costs of city equipment.

It defrays a portion of the cost of police and fire protections including stations, provides for libraries and even for crossing guards to protect children on their way to school.

These funds, supplemented with city property taxes, may be used for any public or municipal purpose that the city council decides.

Totalling well over \$1,250,000 each year, the source of this money is the wage earner and the consumer of the community.

The continued increase in this revenue reflects one thing — the continuing growth of population in Torrance.

The self-center opinions of the vociferous few who would like to restrict the growth of the city so that new schools would not have to be built should be taken with a large grain of salt.

For the future of Torrance will always be in a flood of vigorous new citizens, making their homes and paying their own way.

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Local College Debaters Open Season With Discussion on Topic of National Scope

El Camino College's forensic group will open the 1961-62 season against San Diego State College Oct. 13 and 14.

Debate topic for the year, selected by a national representative committee, is, "Resolved: That labor organizations should be under the jurisdiction of anti-trust organizations."

During the season, which will last until April or May, ECC teams will match skills with 54 junior colleges and universities, including USC, Redlands University, Long Beach State College, Los Angeles State College and Occidental College. This program results in 70 to 75 debates in the fall semester and an increased number in the spring.

ADVISOR

Advisor of the forensic group, Harold Borden, described two objectives of the speech activity, "The first is to provide a broad participation—any student may profit from forensics and any student is welcome to our group. The second goal is to make the best possible showing for El Camino College in competition."

Borden feels that experience in debating offers unlimited opportunities and enormous possibilities to the student. It helps him gain confidence and poise in front

area south of Santa Monica and west of the Harbor Freeway, including Torrance and Palos Verdes.

"Since the Governor signed the bill in 1960," he continued, "it seems to me that something should have been accomplished by now."

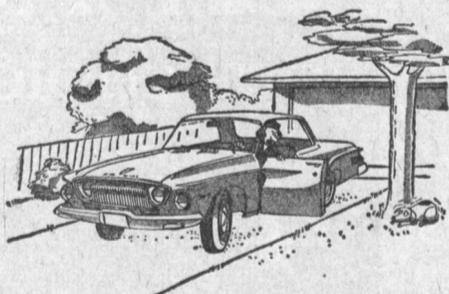
"State College full-time enrollment will approach 82,000 by 1970. It is essential that we prepare, now, to insure the continuing high standard of our educational product."

of others, to learn to read and speak critically and to learn the basic oral process of our democracy.

A native of South Dakota, Borden graduated from Northwestern University with a bachelor of science degree. He toured Europe in the summer of 1956 and attended Oxford University in England. Returning to the United States, he spent two years at USC as an assistant to the director of for-

ensics. He is now working for his masters degree at USC. This is his first year on the El Camino campus.

The Warrior team won the National Junior College Championship, held in Arizona, in 1959, when Burt Dumais won first place in interpretive reading. Topic for the 1959-60 season was, "Resolved: That Congress should be given the power to reverse the decisions of the Supreme Court."



"Get in here you onward."

County Seeks Standards In Zoning, Construction

On motion of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the Board of Supervisors has requested County officials to conduct studies which will lead to elimination of confusion in matters involving planning and zoning of property, and the construction of buildings by providing uniform zoning and building codes throughout Los Angeles County.

In making the motions, Supervisor Hahn pointed out the need for uniform standards by pointing out that many persons have their homes in one community or city, work in another, and own property in other areas.

"Since each city in Los Angeles County has different standards and terminology for zoning and each jurisdiction has different building and safety codes, it becomes very confusing and frustrating to the public," he declared.

RECOMMEND

The Regional Planning Commission was requested to study and recommend uniform zoning standards and usages in order to eliminate the confusion which now exists.

"I believe that one of the first steps is to develop standard terms to use in zoning."

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Letters

Dear Mr. Editor; It seems in this modern world we still practice some primitive rituals — that of human sacrifice.

A woman gave her life in payment for left turn slots on Sepulveda at the Del Amo Shopping Center. I wonder how many other places in our city are deathtraps — waiting for a victim before the necessary improvements are made???

Sincerely, Lillian E. Holmes

will simplify procedures for the benefit of the public. It will enable builders and contractors to follow one uniform code with high standards for the protection of the public," Supervisor Hahn declared.

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"Yes madam, drive-in banks are nice, but this doesn't happen to be one."

Senator Scores 'Delays' In New SB State College

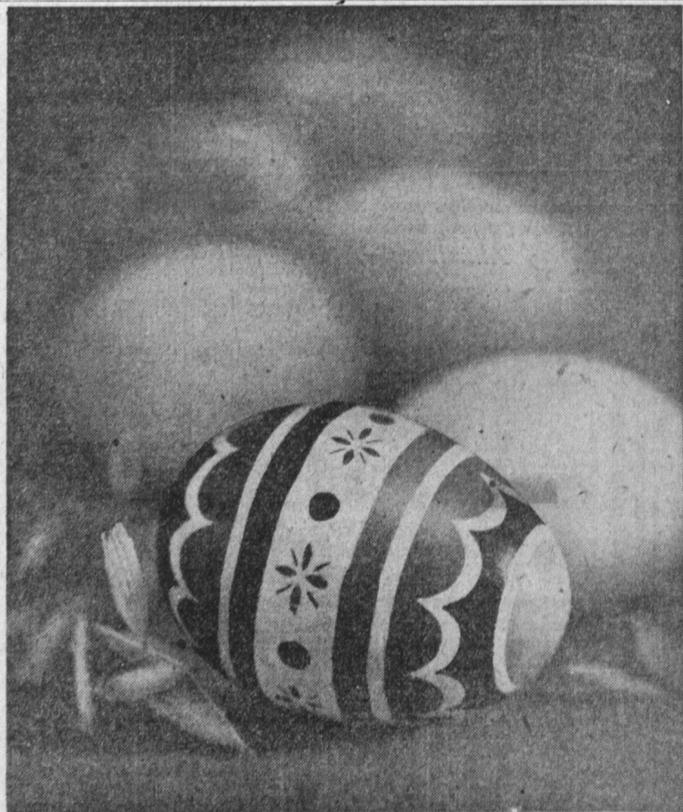
State Senator Richard Richards, (D-Los Angeles), this week blasted the "delay and apparent insufficient concern of the Board of State College Trustees in setting up the new state college in the South Bay area of our County."

Richards, who authored the bill creating the college, stated that as far as he could determine, "not one meeting

has been held to even discuss a possible site for the new school."

INCLUDES TORRANCE

The Senator included these observations in remarks prepared for delivery at an open meeting at the Silver Spur Elementary School Auditorium, Palos Verdes, 8 p.m., Sunday night. He further stated that the college is designed to serve that entire important



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